

City of Gulfport - Mayor's Youth Council
Membership Criteria and Application
Packet Deadline for Applying: October 19, 2016

Application for membership in the Mayor's Youth Council is open to any student, 9th – 12th, grade who attends high school or resides within the geographic boundaries of the City of Gulfport. Applicants must be current high school students, 9th – 12th grade, or the equivalent for students learning at home. Applicants should be students who are recognized as leaders by their peers, hold leadership positions in the school, active in the community and strive for academic excellence.

Purpose of the Mayor's Youth Council

Mission Statement: To give Gulfport youth the opportunity to provide input and insight on community issues, learn about municipal government and network with youth councils across the state.

Vision Statement: Mayor's Youth Council was created to ensure that the youth of Gulfport are engaged, educated and connected to the community.

The Mayor's Youth Council provides an outlet for young leaders to discuss and take action to address issues that are important to Gulfport's youth. Members of the Mayor's Youth Council have numerous opportunities to develop their personal leadership skills through community service by acting as a catalyst for youth engagement in community matters, through advocacy and education efforts and by representing their peers in the development and adoption of public policy.

If you or your student is interested in serving on the 2016-2017 Mayor's Youth Council, please contact: Chris Vignes, Public Information Officer, at (228) 234-8590 or cvignes@gulfport-ms.gov.

Submit application to: Office of Public Information, P.O. Box 1780, Gulfport, MS 39502; by October 19, 2016

Upon selection, students will be required to attend a mandatory orientation on the evening of Tuesday, November 1, 2016.



Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council 2016-2017 Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Parent's Names _____

Home Phone _____ Parent's Cell _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's E-mail Address _____

School _____ Grade _____ GPA _____ Age _____

Short Answer Questions: Please provide answers to the following questions in a typed document to be attached to this application.

1. Why do you want to be involved with the Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council?
2. Please list all organizations or clubs that you are currently a member.
3. Why should you be chosen to represent Gulfport's youth as a member of the Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council?
4. What do you feel are the most important issues facing the youth in Gulfport, and how would you suggest addressing those issues?
5. Please write a short letter to the Mayor of Gulfport explaining why you love living in Gulfport.

I understand that being a member of the Mayor's Youth Council carries certain responsibilities and obligations. I agree to conduct myself as properly befitting a representative of my city and abide by all guidelines of the Council.

Student Signature: I have read and understand the above commitments required for the Council.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: I give my permission for the above named applicant to seek a position on the Mayor's Youth Council and I have read and understand the commitments required for the Council.

Parent Signature

Date